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SUBJ: KHAWLAN TRIBE SUBMITS

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FROM NEWTON

1. SANAA MARCH 30 WAS QTE INVADED UNQTE BY FIVE THOUSAND ARMED TRIBESMEN OF KHAWLAN AL-TIYAL (BETWEEN SANAA AND MA'RIB TO EAST) COME TO PLEDGE LOYALTY TO YARG AND TO OBTAIN SHARE OF FOREIGN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. THEY WERE MET AT ENTRANCE OF CITY BY LEADING TRIBAL SHAIKHS IN YARG (AHMAR, ABU LUHUM, MATARI) AND ACTING GOVERNOR AND MOVED MARCHING AND SINGING TO REPUBLIC PALACE COURT-YARD WHERE THEY WERE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT IRYANI, REPUBLICAN COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ARMY COMMANDERS.

2. IN EXCHANGE OF SPEECHES KHAWLAN LEADERS PLEDGED LOYALTY TO IRYANI PERSONALLY, TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND TO REPUBLIC. ALTHOUGH HAVING FOUGHT FOR REVOLUTION, (TRUE AT BEST ONLY FOR A PART) THEY SAID KHAWLAN HAD BEEN KEPT APART FROM IT BY QTE INTRIGUES AND UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES UNQTE AND THUS DEPRIVED OF ANY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. PRESIDENT, IN RESPONSE, WEL-

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COMED THEM AND PROMISED ALL POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT HELP,

IN WHICH TRIBESMEN THEMSELVES MUST PARTICIPATE. IRYANI NOTED POINTEDLY THAT IT QTE BETTER TO EARN LIVING BEHIND A PLOW THAN BEHIND A RIFLE UNQTE. PRESIDENT ALSO MENTIONED PARENTHETICALLY THAT HE EXPECTS SOON A SIMILAR DELEGATION OF SUBMISSION FROM TRIBES OF JAWF, AREA IN NE OF COUNTRY SOUTH OF SAUDI MAJLAN PROVINCE.

3. NEGOTIATIONS FOR RECONCILIATION WITH KHAWLAN AL-TIYAL HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR MANY MONTHS. SUCCESS OF THIS POLICY OPENS A FERTILE HEAVILY POPULATED AREA TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND OPENS RELATIVELY SECURE LAND ROUTE TO RECENTLY PACIFIED MARIB AREA. IT IS MOST DRAMATIC EXAMPLE TO DATE OF POLITICAL INFLUENCE YARG CAN GAIN OVER HINTERLAND THROUGH ITS ACCESS TO SIZEABLE AMOUNTS OF FOREIGN AID. IT IS ALSO, WE BELIEVE, SIGN OF MORE ENLIGHTENED SAG POLICY IN RESISTING TEMPTATION TO USE ITS DIRECT SUBSIDIES TO SHAIKHS OF EAST AND NORTHEAST TO MAINTAIN SATRAPIES INDEPENDENT OF YARG CONTROL.

4. ABOVE DOES NOT SIGNIFY YARG CONTROL VERY FIRM. SUBMISSION IS VOLUNTARY AND BASED ON ECONOMIC SELF-INTEREST. IT DOES NOT SUGGEST TRIBE WILL FOLLOW ALL YARG POLICIES. STRONG LOCAL RUMOR IS THAT KHAWLAN SHAIKHS TOLD PRESIDENT THEY STILL RESERVE RIGHT TO REVENGE DEATH OF PARAMOUNT SHAIKH NAJI BIN ALI AL-GHADIR WHO WAS LURED TO PDRY IN 1972 AND KILLED IN GANGLAND-STYLE MASSACRE WITH SCORES OF FOLLOWERS. CRAWFORD

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